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**Subject: UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP**

Overseas Environment Cooperation Center, Japan (OECC) hereby conveys our deepest support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and our commitment to achieving its goals. With this letter, OECC wishes to apply as a partner for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership.

OECC was established in 1990 and has been active as Japan's core organization in driving overseas environmental development cooperation through practical actions. We play the role of connecting developing countries with the Japanese government, local governments, businesses and stakeholders. We engage in various environmental consulting services including mercury related issues and the identification and formation of environmental development cooperation projects based on the needs of our partners.

We support mercury management activities mainly through 1) planning and operation of workshops and other events in Minamata for administrative officials in charge of mercury controls in developing countries, 2) collecting and organizing information on mercury, and 3) providing opportunities for environmental education and exchange of opinions targeted at youths in Japan and abroad. Utilizing its network with Minamata City, and its businesses and organizations, we are contributing to disseminating knowledge and technology on mercury accumulated in Minamata and the experience of the people in Minamata with the world.

We look forward to contributing to the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Takemoto Kazuhiko", is written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Takemoto Kazuhiko  
President

OVERSEAS ENVIRONMENTAL COOPERATION CENTER, JAPAN



# UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Yellowfin Tuna, Courtesy NOAA Fisheries, © Photo by Jeff Muir

## INFORMATION ON BECOMING A PARTNER

This information sheet provides an overview of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Global Mercury Partnership for prospective partners. Further information is available at:

[www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/](http://www.unep.org/globalmercurypartnership/)

### GOAL OF THE PARTNERSHIP

The overall goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is to protect human health and the global environment from the releases of mercury and its compounds by minimizing and, where feasible, ultimately eliminating global, anthropogenic mercury releases to air, water and land.

### PARTNERSHIP AREAS

The UNEP Global Mercury Partnership is a voluntary and collaborative relationship between various parties, governmental, non-governmental, public and private, in which all participants agree to work together in a systematic way to achieve its goal.

Initiated in 2005<sup>1</sup>, the Partnership today focuses its work on supporting timely and effective implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury; on providing state of the art knowledge and science on mercury; and on delivering outreach and awareness raising towards global action on mercury.

<sup>1</sup> UNEP Governing Council Decision 23/9

The Partnership is structured around eight areas:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

### OUR PARTNERS

Over 240 partners from governments, IGOs, NGOs, private sector and academic institutions:

- Support the overall goal of the Partnership.
- Contribute resources or expertise to the development and implementation of Partnership activities.
- Network with other organizations, agencies, entities and individuals addressing mercury issues.

### BECOMING A PARTNER

To become a partner, interested entities or individuals should submit a letter to UNEP signifying their support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and their commitment to achieving its goal. The letter should also specify how they will contribute to meeting the goal of the Partnership.

Together with this letter, UNEP requests interested entities or individuals to also complete and submit the registration form (see reverse). Participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership will be confirmed by UNEP. Partners' letters of support will be made public through the UNEP's website.

### SUPPORT LETTER AND REGISTRATION FORM SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO:

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## PARTNERSHIP AREAS

Please check the partnership area(s) to which your organization intends to contribute to:

- Artisanal and small-scale gold mining
- Mercury cell chlor-alkali production
- Mercury air transport and fate research
- Mercury in products
- Mercury releases from coal combustion
- Mercury waste management
- Mercury supply and storage
- Mercury releases from the cement industry

> Please specify in your support letter how your organization intends to contribute to each of the selected partnership area(s).

## ORGANIZATION APPLYING TO BECOME A PARTNER

Name of Organization:

Type of Organization:

- Government
- Intergovernmental Organization
- Non-governmental Organization
- Industry / private sector
- Academia / scientific institution
- Other, please specify

Mailing Address:

Postcode: City: Country:

E-mail:

Telephone: Website:

## ORGANIZATION'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNEP GLOBAL MERCURY PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Ms.

First Name: Last Name:

Functional Title:

Section / Department:

E-mail:

\* UNEP Global Mercury Partnership registration forms are to be accompanied by a letter to UNEP signifying support for the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership and commitment to achieving its goal. The support letter should specify how the organization intends to contribute to meeting the goal of the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership. Please submit the support letter and registration form to:

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